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Dean Elmer T. Neuenschwander

Rev. Elmer T. Neuenschwander, Dean of Students of Fort Wayne Bible College, died instantly on August 18, 1954, when he was struck by a bolt of lightning on the Brookwood Golf Course a short distance southwest of Fort Wayne. He was golfing with his brother Elbert, of Hamilton, Ohio, and his brother-in-law, Rev. Donald McIntosh, pastor of the Methodist Church, Hampstead, Maryland. The latter two were severely burned by the lightning and were hospitalized in Fort Wayne. All three are graduates of Fort Wayne Bible College.

The dean and his two companions had completed six holes of golf when the storm broke. They sought shelter under a large tree when the bolt struck it and hit the group.

Dean Neuenschwander joined the faculty here in 1948 and was dean of students since 1950. He was a talented man with gifts for superior achievement in many pursuits. As a teacher he was effective and well liked in the classroom. As a dean of students he had a rare but essential combina-

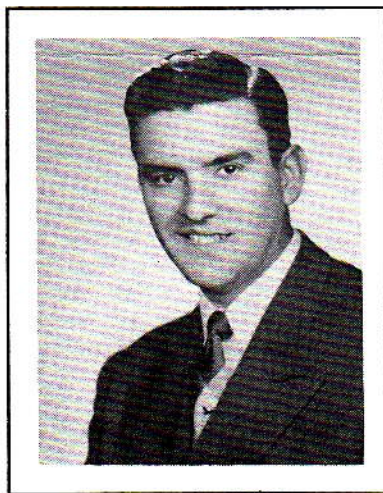
tion of qualities—tact, patience, sympathetic understanding, love for young people, ability to inspire and to guide. He also had skills to give leadership to student activities; he served as the popular basketball coach and the advisor of the college Camera Club. His work in photography

was outstanding. In addition, Dean Neuenschwander was an able preacher, a devoted Sunday School teacher in his church, and the creative editor of his denominational periodical.

Dean Neuenschwander filled important places of service in the College, his church, and denomination. But the larger place he occupied was in the hearts of his family, his associates, neighbors, friends,

and students. In his relatively short life he achieved much, and his contribution to the cause of Christ will live on forever in the lives of those influenced by his ministry.

We shall continue to pray that God will sustain and bless his wife Eleanor and two children, Cheryl Ann, 4, and Timothy Kent, 3 months.



"EXPECT GREAT THINGS FROM GOD"

with the president . . .

Dr. S. A. Witmer



This is the challenging maxim given in one of the most historic of all sermons—the clarion call by William Carey to the sleeping church to awaken it to its missionary obligation. That sermon roused the church from its age-long stupor. It began the modern missionary movement.

Carey's sermon did not stop with the note of pious expectation. He matched expectation with action as he also cried, "*Attempt great things for God.*" For this practical implementation of faith he had Scriptural authority. The text from which he preached was Isaiah 54:2,3: "*Enlarge the place of thy tent, and let them stretch forth the curtains of thine habitations: spare not, lengthen thy cords, and strengthen thy stakes; For thou shalt break forth on the right hand and on the left; and thy seed shall inherit the Gentiles . . .*" Carey also has heroic precedent, for in other ages God had a Caleb, a Joshua, a Gideon, a Nehemiah to lead His people forward to the distant horizons.

But Carey, like his predecessors of long ago, had his critics. Little visionless men said he was presumptuous. Their little minds got busy to produce reasons to justify their negative attitudes, and so all kinds of arguments were advanced to support the proposition that the church should not evangelize the heathen.

The one reason why the Great Commission has not been carried out long before this is because the church has been cursed by smallness. Men who claim to believe in a transcendent, Almighty God have expected little and attempted less. Too often they serve only as wet blankets for daring ventures of faith. Like the ten spies who surveyed Canaan, they see the size of the opposition; they are impressed with the dimensions of "the problem." They give way to fear because they have no notion of "the glory of the impossible." And unfortunately, they often outnumber men of faith six to one.

How the heart of God must often be grieved with His people. No wonder that His patience is tried. James says that the Lord is having to exercise "long patience" for the harvest of the earth—the church is so tardy in sowing the seed of the kingdom in the "uttermost part."

With its fiftieth anniversary, Fort Wayne Bible College is undertaking a great venture of faith. Under the leadership of the Governing Board and a Building Committee, it proposes to launch a program of development with two major buildings on the new south campus. No more timely challenge can come to us than that uttered by William Carey a century and a half ago: "Expect great things from God," "Attempt great things for God."

This venture of faith calls for a renewal of faith and vision and sacrifice—the kind of stuff that our God-blessed founders had. It calls for us to leave confining ruts and to blaze new highways. It calls for enlarged faith, generous hearts, liberal spirits, the distant view, the eye of faith turned up to our limitless God.

Anniversary Year Opens With Evangelism Week

The Fiftieth Anniversary year of Fort Wayne Bible College moves into active observance this month with a week of evangelism emphasis set for September 21-25. Four special speakers, all outstanding in their respective fields of ministry, will be on campus during the week to conduct chapel services, discussion periods, and evening programs. All meetings are open to the public.

Timothy Warner Named Dean of Students

Rev. Timothy Warner, last year Dean of Men at the college, has been named Dean of Students for the coming year. His appointment was made soon after the home-going of the former dean, Rev. Elmer Neuenschwander.

Mr. Warner had planned to go to Africa to begin a Bible school there in January under the Missionary Church Association, but was given a one-year release by the Association to return to the college.

Please Pray . . .

1. For the week of evangelism, September 21-25, that the new school year and the anniversary year shall begin with a gracious outpouring of the Holy Spirit.
2. For God to use the new film "Bridgebuilders" to touch and to challenge many young people.
3. That Christ shall be magnified and God honored throughout the anniversary year.
4. That the fiftieth anniversary may bring revival to the college.
5. That God will continue to bless the Patrons' Council and add many more to this roster of supporters.
6. For the complete recovery of Lois Schindler, daughter of Missionaries Waldo and Cecil Schindler. Lois is in a Fort Wayne hospital hoping to resume her training in the college.
7. For the complete recovery of Professor Oliver Steiner.
8. For the Annual Youth Conference, October 15-17.
9. That the Building Committee may have divine guidance in planning the new building project and its promotion.
10. For Mr. Carl Light, Director of Building Promotion, that God may bless his efforts.

FORT WAYNE BIBLE COLLEGE

announces it's

Week of Evangelism . . . September 21 to 25

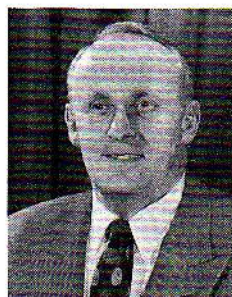
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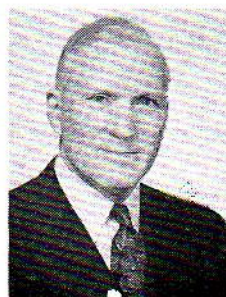
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PROGRAM FOR THE WEEK


SEPT.	21 TUESDAY	22 WEDNESDAY	23 THURSDAY	24 FRIDAY	25 SATURDAY
9:40 AM	Chapel— Dr. Redpath	Chapel— Mr. Saulnier	Chapel— Dr. Brown	Chapel— Dr. Brown	
2:00 PM	Discussion: "Evangelistic Responsibility of the Local Church" Dr. Redpath	Discussion: "Evangelism by City Missions" Mr. Saulnier	Discussion: "Evangelism in the On-going Program of the Church" Dr. Brown	Discussion: "Evangelism Among Teen-Agers" Mr. Sheffer	
8:00 PM	Evening Service: Dr. Redpath	Evening Service: Mr. Saulnier Dr. Brown	Evening Service: Dr. Brown	Evening Service: Mr. Sheffer	7:30 P.M. Evening Service: Mr. Sheffer



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Alumni Notes

JUBILEE CELEBRATION

A special anniversary service held August 5 during the annual conference of the Missionary Church Association marked the start of the year-long 50th Anniversary observance of our Bible College. This service was high-lighted by the showing of a new sound motion picture, "A Vine of God's Own Planting", which gives the history of the school.

Why is a 50th anniversary so important? The half-century mark seems to be something of a turning point. The school moves forward for its first half-century on the impetus of its founders' faith. The second fifty years depends upon the new generation's vision and faith.

Let each of us, as alumni, join in this celebration, praise God for His faithfulness and mercy, and determine to do our utmost to promote our college through prayer, publicity, and participation in giving.

J. Harlan Wright, *President*
Alumni Association

In the Cradle . . .

A girl, Janice Lee, to Rev., '53, and Mrs., '48, Paul Henry (nee Shirley Schray) on May 8, 1954.

A boy, Paul Douglas, to Mr., '51, and Mrs., '49, Paul Van Gorkom (nee Ruth Gabrielson) on June 5, 1954.

A boy, Dewey Stewart, to Mr., '46-50, and Mrs., '45-49, Roy Johnson (nee Virginia Lacey) on June 5, 1954.

A girl, Roberta Jean, to Rev., '46, and Mrs., '45, Louis Strahm (nee Betta Lu Cripe) on July 1, 1954.

A boy, Roger Glenn, to Mr., '52-53, and Mrs., '53, Ivan Peterson (nee Donelda Coy) on July 8, 1954.

A boy, David Arthur, to Rev., '48 and '50, and Mrs., '48 and '50, Paul Erdel (nee Chloetta Egly) on July 17, 1954.

A boy, Bruce Allen, to Mr. and Mrs., '48, Paul Mast (nee Nila Bossard) on August 18, 1954.

Personnel . . .

Kathleen Inniger Jacobsen ('47) is en route to the States from Japan for furlough via Norway and Switzerland where she and Mr. Jacobsen will visit relatives.

Miss Pearl Hoffman ('50) is under appointment with International Missions, Inc., to go to India or West Pakistan.

Don ('51) and Rose ('49-50) Nabinger (nee Rose Dix) express their appreciation for the regular news reaching them in Alaska through the pages of the *Vision*. They are working with the Alaskan Indians under Alaska Missions Incorporated.

Anniversary Calendar . . .

Evangelism—

September 21-25,

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Christian Education—

November 9-12

Dr. Milo Rediger,
Taylor University

Dr. Harold Mason,
Ashbury Seminary

Dr. Byron L. Osborne,
Cleveland Bible College

Christian Ministry—

January 11-14

Anniversary Week—

February 22-25

Missions—

March 22-25

Music and Radio—

April 28-May 1

"Bridgebuilders" Available For Public Bookings

"Bridgebuilders", 30-minute sound-color film premiered by Fort Wayne Bible College last spring, is now available for public bookings by churches, Youth for Christ groups, and other organizations. The film was produced by Missions Visualized, Inc., and shows the training program and student life of the college.

The film is intended to be shown at a major, public service sponsored by the booking organization, and is available on a free-will offering basis. Requests for the film should include the date and time desired, type and location of the program at which it will be shown, and estimated audience size.

Further information is available on request. All correspondence should be directed to Mr. Richard Gerig, Director of Promotion.

School to Open Sept. 13

The fall term of the college opens on Monday, September 13, with the orientation of freshmen, which will continue through Tuesday. Freshmen will register Wednesday and returning students on Thursday. First classes will meet on Friday, September 17, with the opening convocation that evening.

Prof. Steiner Recovering

Prof. Oliver Steiner, Director of the School of Music, is on the road to recovery following an attack of coronary occlusion in Flint, Michigan, on August 13, where he is being hospitalized until the first part of September. It is expected that he will be able to resume his duties at the end of October.

Meanwhile, the college administration is making arrangements for music department activities to proceed on schedule with the opening of the fall term. The prayers of friends for Mr. Steiner's recovery are greatly appreciated.

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